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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Second Supplemental Amendment And Reply To Final Office Action; and
- Declaration Under 37 C.FR. § 1.132 Of Dr. Anthony Kennedy, with attached VELCADE™ package insert, Appendix A, and curriculum vitae.

The above-listed documents are filed electronically through EFS-Web.

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